AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) <u>Computer-readable storage media embodying a</u> <u>program of instructions executable by a computer to perform a</u> A method for Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS")<u> </u>auditing by an importer using a software user interface and an importer database coupled to the software user interface using one or more layers of executable code, the method comprising:

an importer receiving from a customs broker in electronic form:

scanned images of entry packets relating to products imported by the importer which the customs broker assembled and submitted to U.S. customs, each entry packet including at least one commercial invoice, at least one shipping manifest, and at least one U.S. customs form which the customs broker prepared and which sets forth an HTS code and a duty relating to at least one of the products; and

a broker database containing information relating to the entry packets in <u>an electronically comparable</u> a form ~~that may be electronically compared~~;

the importer entering the scanned images and the information in the broker database into a first repository in the importer database;

the importer linking the scanned images and the information in the broker database to corresponding records of the importer about the products in a second repository in the importer database;

the importer electronically and methodically comparing the information in the broker database with the corresponding records of the importer;

the importer comparing information in the scanned images with the corresponding records of the importer;

the comparing including comparing an HTS code on one of the customs forms with an HTS code with the corresponding records of the importer;

the importer identifying one or more discrepancies between information in the broker database and/or the scanned images and the corresponding records of the importer based on the comparisons, thereby auditing the entry packets;

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the importer generating a report identifying the one or more discrepancies between the information in the broker database and/or the scanned images and the corresponding records of the importer; and

the importer taking remedial action to correct the discrepancies.

2-4 (Canceled)

5 (Currently amended). The <u>computer-readable storage media</u> ~~method~~ of claim 1 wherein each entry packet includes a 7501 Customs form.

6-8 (Canceled).

9 (Currently amended). The <u>computer-readable storage media</u> ~~method~~ of claim 1 wherein the comparing includes comparing attribute classifications assigned by the customs broker to attribute classifications located in the corresponding records of the importer.

10-15 (canceled).

16. (Currently amended) A system for auditing Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") classifications, comprising:

a database comprising internal records of an importer relevant to HTS classifications;

a computer terminal;

a user interface accessible from the computer terminal; and

a software program suite coupled to the database and to the user interface, the software program suite configured to:

allow an importer to receive from a customs broker in electronic form:

scanned images of entry packets relating to products imported by the importer which the customs broker assembled and submitted to U.S. customs, each entry packet including at least one commercial invoice, at least one shipping manifest, and at least one U.S. customs form which the customs broker prepared and which sets

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forth an HTS code and a duty relating to at least one of the products; and

a broker database containing information relating to the entry packets in <u>an electronically comparable</u> a form ~~that may be electronically compared~~;

enable the importer to:

enter the scanned images and the information in the broker database into a first repository in the importer database;

link the scanned images and the information in the broker database to corresponding records of the importer about the products in a second repository in the importer database;

electronically and methodically compare the information in the broker database with the corresponding records of the importer;

compare information in the scanned images with the corresponding records of the importer;

the comparing including comparing an HTS code on one of the customs forms with an HTS code with the corresponding records of the importer;

identify one or more discrepancies between information in the broker database and/or the scanned images and the corresponding records of the importer based on the comparisons, thereby auditing the entry packets;

generate a report identifying the one or more discrepancies between the information in the broker database and/or the scanned images and the corresponding records of the importer; and

take remedial action to correct the discrepancies.

17-21 (Canceled).

22. (Previously amended) The system of claim 16 wherein each entry packet includes a Customs 7501 form.

23-37 (Canceled).

38 (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage media ~~method~~ of claim 1 wherein the comparing information in the scanned images with the corresponding records of the importer includes:

>   displaying a screen which includes:

>>   a link to more information about one of the invoices;

>>   a link to more information about a product within the one invoice; and

>>   a link to more information about an HTS code relating to the one invoice;

>   activating one or more of the links; and

>   in response to activating each link:

>>   displaying the more information which is linked to the link; and

>>   comparing it to at least one of the scanned images.

39 (Previously presented) The system of claim 16 wherein the software program suite is configured during the comparing information in the scanned images with the corresponding records of the importer to:

>   display a screen which includes:

>>   a link to more information about one of the invoices;

>>   a link to more information about a product within the one invoice; and

>>   a link to more information about an HTS code relating to the one invoice;

>   allow one or more of the links to be activated; and

>   in response to activating each link:

>>   display the more information which is linked to the link; and

>>   compare it to at least one of the scanned images.